

1 a cylindrical wall protector extending inwardly into an interior portion of the upper body
2 portion at the throughbore;

3 a lower body portion¹⁸ projecting below the upper body portion¹² wherein the lower body
4 portion defines a cannula receiving opening adapted to mount the seal assembly on the cannula;
5 and

6 a unitary valve seal comprising:

7 an upper seal portion³³ having a mounting portion rigidly mounted in the upper
8 body portion adjacent an interior portion of the upper body portion, said interior portion opposing
9 the upper surface, the upper seal portion being mounted about the throughbore, the cylindrical
10 wall protector extending between the throughbore and the upper seal portion; and

11 a lower seal portion³⁸ extending from the upper seal portion, the lower seal portion
12 being adapted to seal around the surgical instrument.

REMARKS

The original patent application, as filed, included Claims 1-31. Please cancel claims 1-31 and enter added claim 32 as set forth above prior to examination of the patent application. Attached hereto is a separate sheet entitled "Clean Copy of Added Claim" showing a clean copy of the added claim. The added claim is believed to be fully supported by the specification and does not add new matter. Also attached hereto is a separate sheet entitled "Clean Copy of Amended Paragraph" showing a clean copy of the amended paragraph. Please substitute the amended paragraph for the paragraph found at page lines 2-3 in the specification as filed. In addition, no additional fees are believed to be due.

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